

Dear Sirs,

My comments are regarding the following:

1. Novice subband refarming
2. Making Amateur Radio Equipment Field Repairable.

first off, let me address the issue of the Novice band segment "refarming". I do not see a problem with the issue, Although, I think steps should be taken to insure that NO Novice or Tech Station could accidentally go out of their band privileges. Such as suggesting to the ARRL, that they should keep band plan papers, available to any and all operator that requests them. Also, Guys, let's face it the novice and tech bands are under-used, Case in point, there has been many a time, when I have called CQ in the novice portions of 15 meters and never once recieved a reply. The problem is a lack of interest for CW.

Also, there should be a refarming of the band plan as well, and steps taken by the ARRL to promote activity in the CW sub-bands.

2. The issue of Making Amateur Radio Transceivers Field Servicable, is quite frankly a sticky one, My main concern is that some newbie ham, not knowing any better, would take a brand new Ham Transeiver to a "CB" shop not knowing and it get buctchered, I'd really hate to see that... Also, I'd hate to see the Quality of the Adverage Amateur Transceiver drop to that of the typical "CB" Radio. as a proud owner of a Kenwood TS-950SDX, I hope that Kenwood doesn't start making junk...

Thanks for the chance to make my comments...

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